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Your guide to choosing vocational qualifications that complement the needs of both your students and centre

Cambridge Technicals

Our Cambridge Technicals suite gives you the reassurance that you have the right qualifications to support your students' lifelong learning journey.

Cambridge Technicals are vocational qualifications at Level 2 and Level 3 for students aged 16+ with a great selection of subjects to choose from. They are designed with the workplace in mind and provide a high quality alternative to A Levels, supporting progression to higher education.

Vocational education is not just about results, it's about educating people in the knowledge and skills required for employment and for the community as a whole. It's also about developing the behaviours and attributes needed to progress and succeed in education and in work.

2012 Level 2 Cambridge Technicals Suite

- **100% internally assessed content**
- Student focused internal assessment rules
- Cambridge OCR visiting moderation providing centre feedback and support
- **Not eligible for Key Stage 5 DfE (16–18) performance points**

2016 Level 2 Cambridge Technicals Suite

- **Some externally assessed content**
- Student focused internal assessment rules
- Cambridge OCR visiting moderation providing centre feedback and support
- **Eligible for Key Stage 5 DfE (16–18) performance points**

2012 Level 3 Cambridge Technicals Suite

- **100% internally assessed content**
- Student focused internal assessment rules
- Cambridge OCR visiting moderation providing centre feedback and support
- Attracts UCAS tariff points
- **Not eligible for Key Stage 5 DfE (16–18) performance points**

2016 Level 3 Cambridge Technicals Suite

- **Some externally assessed content**
- Student focused internal assessment rules
- Cambridge OCR visiting moderation providing centre feedback and support
- Attracts UCAS tariff points
- **Eligible for Key Stage 5 DfE (16–18) performance points**

Purpose of this document

Our objective is to help support your decisions when choosing **post 16** Level 2 and Level 3 Vocational Qualifications.

This document aims to answer your questions on:

- Qualification review dates
- Last registration dates for legacy qualifications
- Do our qualifications attract UCAS tariff points?
- Do our qualifications attract 16–19 and/or 19+ funding?
- Do our qualifications attract Key Stage 5 DfE (16–18) performance points?
- Do our qualifications attract funding and recognition in Wales and Northern Ireland?

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ART AND DESIGN
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN ART AND DESIGN (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	600/6091/8 – 05360	31 December 2027	×	×	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	600/6092/X – 05362	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Diploma	360GLH	600/6093/1 – 05365	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

ART AND DESIGN
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN ART AND DESIGN (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	600/6094/3 – 05367	31 December 2026	✓	✓	×	×
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	600/6095/5 – 05369	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	×
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	600/6096/7 – 05372	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	×
Diploma	720GLH	600/6151/0 – 05375	31 December 2026	✓	✓	×	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	600/6150/9 – 05378	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	×

*Review date: This is the date by which Cambridge OCR will have reviewed the qualifications fitness for purpose. Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

Cambridge Technicals in Art and Design:

We made the decision NOT to include external assessment as this approach did not suit the curriculum delivery and progression needs of centres and their learners. Therefore this qualification does not receive Key Stage 5 Performance Table points.

However the 2012 Cambridge Technicals in Art and Design do:

- Receive funding – included within Key Stage 5 study programmes.
- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

✓ denotes inclusion in the legal entitlement offer and ✓ (Local Flexibilities) denotes that it is not in the legal entitlement offer but is available through local flexibilities. The latest funding information is available on the ESFA Hub (use the qualification number as the Learning Aim). More information can be found here.

BUSINESS
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN BUSINESS (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	600/4218/7 – 05320	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	600/4223/0 – 05322	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Diploma	360GLH	600/4220/5 – 05325	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

BUSINESS
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN BUSINESS (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Award in Business Administration	90GLH	603/3277/3 – 05893	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	NA	×	×
Certificate in Business Administration	180GLH	603/3278/5 – 05891	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	NA	×	×
Diploma in Business Administration	360GLH	603/3279/7 – 05892	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓

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BUSINESS
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN BUSINESS (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	600/4226/6 – 05327	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	600/4608/9 – 05329	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	600/4235/7 – 05332	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×
Diploma	720GLH	600/4229/1 – 05335	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	600/4232/1 – 05338	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×

BUSINESS
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN BUSINESS (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/7698/2 – 05834	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7699/4 – 05835	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7700/7 – 05836	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Diploma	720GLH	601/7701/9 – 05837	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0299/9 – 05878	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×

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Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in Business do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Business:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Business have a review date of **31 December 2026** we will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification.

Level 2 2016 Cambridge Technical in Business:

Note that **only** the Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration is on the DfE (16–18) performance tables. External assessments for this qualification are *On Screen Tested*.

Level 2 Certificate and Awards are available as qualifications (the award does **not** require externally assessed units to be completed).

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

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MEDIA
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN MEDIA (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	600/6097/9 – 05380	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	600/6098/0 – 05382	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Diploma	360GLH	600/6099/2 – 05385	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

DIGITAL MEDIA
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN DIGITAL MEDIA (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Award in Digital Media	90GLH	603/3084/3 – 05897	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	NA	×	×
Certificate in Digital Media	180GLH	603/3086/7 – 05898	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓
Diploma in Digital Media	360GLH	603/3087/9 – 05899	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓

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MEDIA
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN MEDIA (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	600/6175/3 – 05387	31 December 2026	✓	✓	×	NA
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	600/6176/5 – 05389	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	NA
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	600/6100/5 – 05392	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Diploma	720GLH	600/6197/2 – 05395	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	600/6177/7 – 05398	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA

DIGITAL MEDIA
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN DIGITAL MEDIA (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/7258/7 – 05843	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7259/9 – 05844	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7260/5 – 05845	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓
Diploma	720GLH	601/7261/7 – 05846	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0318/9 – 05875	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓

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You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in Media do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Digital Media:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media have a review date of **31 December 2026**. We will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification.

Level 2 2016 Cambridge Technical in Digital Media:

Note that **only** the Diploma and Certificate in Digital Media are on the DfE (16–18) performance tables. External assessments for this qualification are *On Screen Tested*.

Level 2 Award is available as a qualification (the award does **not** require externally assessed units to be completed).

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

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ENGINEERING
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN ENGINEERING (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	603/0422/4 – 05887	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓
Diploma	360GLH	603/0423/6 – 05888	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓

ENGINEERING
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN ENGINEERING (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/4593/6 – 05822	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/4594/8 – 05823	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/4600/X – 05824	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Tech Level	✓ 2026 × 2027+	✓
Diploma	720GLH	601/4599/7 – 05825	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0322/0 – 05873	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Engineering:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Engineering have a review date of **31 December 2026**. We will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification. Funding is changing in England for these qualifications, see post-16 vocational reform for more information.

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

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Cambridge Advanced Nationals:

The Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate and Extended Certificate in Engineering are replaced by our new Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualifications, Cambridge Advanced Nationals, from **September 2025** in England. Please see teach.ocr.org.uk/post-16-vocational-reform for more information.

There are no changes for centres in Wales. The existing funding arrangements for the Certificate and Extended Certificate continue to apply.

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	600/4217/5 – 05300	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	600/4224/2 – 05302	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Diploma	360GLH	600/4221/7 – 05305	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Award	90GLH	603/1480/1 – 05890	31 December 2027	✓	×	NA	×	×
Certificate	180GLH	603/0386/4 – 05880	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓
Diploma	360GLH	603/0388/8 – 05881	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	600/4227/8 – 05307	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	×	NA
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	600/4612/0 – 05309	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	600/4236/9 – 05312	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Diploma	720GLH	600/4230/8 – 05315	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	600/4233/3 – 05318	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/7059/1 – 05830	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7060/8 – 05831	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7061/X – 05832	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Diploma	720GLH	601/7062/1 – 05833	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0381/5 – 05871	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×

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Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Health and Social Care:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care have a review date of **31 December 2026**. We will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification. Funding is changing in England for these qualifications, see post-16 vocational reform for more information.

Level 2 2016 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care:

Note that **only** the Certificate and Diploma in Health and Social Care are on the DfE (16–18) performance tables. External assessments for this qualification are *On Screen Tested*.

Level 2 Award is available as a qualification (the award does **not** require externally assessed units to be completed).

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

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Cambridge Advanced Nationals:

The Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate and Extended Certificate in Health and Social are replaced by our new Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualifications, Cambridge Advanced Nationals, from **September 2025** in England. Please see teach.ocr.org.uk/post-16-vocational-reform for more information.

There are no changes for centres in Wales and Northern Ireland. The existing funding arrangements for the 2012 Level 3 suite continue to apply.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	600/4219/9 – 05340	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	600/4225/4 – 05342	31 December 2027	✓	✓	×
Diploma	360GLH	600/4222/9 – 05345	31 December 2027	✓	✓	×

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Award	90GLH	603/0369/4 – 05882	31 December 2027	✓	×	NA	×	×
Certificate	180GLH	603/0371/2 – 05883	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓
Diploma	360GLH	603/0373/6 – 05884	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	600/4228/X – 05347	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	600/4623/5 – 05349	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	600/4237/0 – 05352	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Diploma	720GLH	600/4231/X – 05355	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	600/4234/5 – 05358	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/7097/9 – 05838	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7098/0 – 05839	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	601/7099/2 – 05840	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Tech Level	✓ 2026 × 2027+	✓
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7100/5 – 05841	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Tech Level	✓ 2026 × 2027+	✓
Diploma	720GLH	601/7101/7 – 05842	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0309/8 – 05877	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓

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Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in IT do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 IT:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in IT have a review date of **31 December 2026**. We will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification. Funding is changing in England for these qualifications, see post-16 vocational reform for more information.

Level 2 2016 Cambridge Technical in IT:

Note that **only** the Certificate and Diploma in IT are on the DfE (16–18) performance tables. External assessments for this qualification are *On Screen Tested*.

Level 2 Award is available as a qualification (the award does **not** require externally assessed units to be completed). This is entitled Digital Business Technologies.

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

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Cambridge Advanced Nationals:

The Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate, Extended Certificate and Introductory Diploma in IT are replaced by our new Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualifications, Cambridge Advanced Nationals, from **September 2025** in England. Please see teach.ocr.org.uk/post-16-vocational-reform for more information.

There are no changes for centres in Wales and Northern Ireland. The existing funding arrangements for Cambridge Technicals continue to apply.

PERFORMING ARTS
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN PERFORMING ARTS (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	601/0573/2 – 05763	31 December 2027	×	×	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	601/0575/6 – 05765	31 December 2027	×	×	×
Diploma	360GLH	601/0574/4 – 05768	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

PERFORMING ARTS
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN PERFORMING ARTS (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	601/0111/8 – 05770	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	601/0249/4 – 05772	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	601/0250/0 – 05775	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Diploma	720GLH	601/0247/0 – 05778	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	601/0248/2 – 05781	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	NA

*Review date: This is the date by which Cambridge OCR will have reviewed the qualifications fitness for purpose. Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

PERFORMING ARTS
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN PERFORMING ARTS (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/7684/2 – 05850	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7685/4 – 05851	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7686/6 – 05852	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Diploma	720GLH	601/7687/8 – 05853	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0302/5 – 05876	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×

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The future of 2012 Level 2 Cambridge Technicals in Performing Arts:

At the moment we've taken the decision not to re-develop the 2012 Level 2 Cambridge Technicals in Performing Arts.

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in Performing Arts do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Performing Arts:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Performing Arts have a review date of **31 December 2026**. We will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification.

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

✓ denotes inclusion in the legal entitlement offer and ✓ (Local Flexibilities) denotes that it is not in the legal entitlement offer but is available through local flexibilities. The latest funding information is available on the ESFA Hub (use the qualification number as the Learning Aim). More information can be found here.

SCIENCE
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN SCIENCE (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	601/0578/1 – 05783	31 December 2027	×	×	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	601/0577/X – 05785	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Diploma	360GLH	601/0576/8 – 05788	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

APPLIED SCIENCE
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN APPLIED SCIENCE (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	603/0394/3 – 05879	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7458/4 – 05847	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7460/2 – 05848	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×
Diploma	720GLH	601/7461/4 – 05849	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0695/6 – 05874	31 December 2026	✓	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Last date for new starts 31 July 2025	Applied General	✓ 2026 × 2027+	×

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Delivery of 2012 Science:

So you can continue to offer the Cambridge Technicals in Science we have extended the Level 2 qualifications (see table for dates).

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in Science do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Applied Science:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Applied Science have a review date of **31 December 2026**. We will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification. Funding is changing in England for these qualifications, see post-16 vocational reform for more information.

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

✓ denotes inclusion in the legal entitlement offer and ✓ (Local Flexibilities) denotes that it is not in the legal entitlement offer but is available through local flexibilities. The latest funding information is available on the ESFA Hub (use the qualification number as the Learning Aim). More information can be found here.

Cambridge Advanced Nationals:

The Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate and Extended Certificate in Applied Science are replaced by our new Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualifications, Cambridge Advanced Nationals, from **September 2025** in England. Please see teach.ocr.org.uk/post-16-vocational-reform for more information.

SPORT
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN SPORT (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	90GLH	600/6137/6 – 05400	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Extended Certificate	180GLH	600/6138/8 – 05402	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×
Diploma	360GLH	600/6139/X – 05405	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	×

SPORT
LEVEL 2 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Award	90GLH	603/1923/9 – 05889	31 December 2027	✓	✓ Local Flexibilities	NA	×	×
Certificate	180GLH	603/0520/4 – 05885	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓
Diploma	360GLH	603/0521/6 – 05886	31 December 2027	✓	✓	Technical Certificate	✓	✓

*Review date: This is the date by which Cambridge OCR will have reviewed the qualifications fitness for purpose. Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

SPORT
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN SPORT (2012)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	16–18 performance tables
Certificate	180GLH	600/6140/6 – 05407	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×
Introductory Diploma	360GLH	600/6143/1 – 05409	31 December 2026	✓	×	×	×
Subsidiary Diploma	540GLH	600/6142/X – 05412	31 December 2026	✓	✓	×	×
Diploma	720GLH	600/6141/8 – 05415	31 December 2026	✓	✓	×	×
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	600/6144/3 – 05418	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	×

SPORT
LEVEL 3 CAMBRIDGE TECHNICALS IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (2016)

Qualification name	Size	Qualification number – Entry code	Review date*	UCAS tariff points	ESFA 16–19 funding (England)	ESFA 19+ funding (England)	DfE category	16–18 performance tables	MEI required
Certificate	180GLH	601/7093/1 – 05826	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Extended Certificate	360GLH	601/7094/3 – 05827	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Applied General	✓	×
Foundation Diploma	540GLH	601/7095/5 – 05828	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓
Diploma	720GLH	601/7096/7 – 05829	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓
Extended Diploma	1080GLH	603/0405/4 – 05872	31 December 2026	✓	✓	✓	Tech Level	✓	✓

*Review date: This is the date by which Cambridge OCR will have reviewed the qualifications fitness for purpose.
Please note we will have informed centres of the status of the qualification in advance of this date.

You can top up or move down:

- Once entered for a particular level, you have the ability to move between sizes within that level ('topping up' and 'moving down').

Cambridge Technicals in Sport do:

- Receive UCAS tariff points at Level 3.

Delivery of Level 3 2016 Sport and Physical Activity:

The Level 3 2016 Cambridge Technicals in Sport and Physical Activity have a review date of **31 December 2026** we will update all centres in advance of this date with information about the status of the qualification.

Level 2 2016 Cambridge Technical in Sport and Physical Activity:

Note that **only** the Certificate and Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity are on the DfE (16–18) performance tables. External assessments for this qualification are *On Screen Tested*.

Level 2 Award is available as a qualification (the award does **not** require externally assessed units to be completed).

ESFA funding:

For 19+ funding, there are two main routes, legal entitlement and local flexibilities.

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Northern Ireland and Wales

Northern Ireland

All qualifications that have been approved for use in schools in Northern Ireland will appear in the NIEFQAN file. You must check the latest NIEFQAN file each year before starting delivery:
www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/niefqan

If you wish to use a qualification that has not already been approved by the Department of Education (DE) for use in schools in Northern Ireland, a request for approval must be submitted online via CCEA's NIEFQAN App.

Where approved for use in schools in Northern Ireland, Cambridge Technicals can only be offered to students 16+. They cannot be delivered to Key Stage 4 students.

As per DE circular number 2016/25, the exceptions to this are the 2016 Level 2 and Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Health and Social Care as this subject will not be accredited for delivery in Northern Ireland.

You can also visit our dedicated NI website page that is kept up to date with qualification and funding information.
ocr.org.uk/about/policy-and-public-affairs/northern-ireland-14-19-curriculum-and-funding

Wales

Cambridge Technicals, at Level 2 and Level 3 are recognised by Qualifications Wales (QW) but you must check QiW (www.qiw.wales) to see if they are designated for funding. Some qualifications are no longer funded following Qualification Wales sector reviews. If they are not, please contact Cambridge OCR for further information from our Customer Support Centre on 01223 553998 or email us at support@ocr.org.uk

Supporting you

A wide variety of resources and training events wrap around our Cambridge Technical qualifications. We've designed these to develop your understanding of the assessment criteria and what is expected of students by the mark scheme, as well as to alleviate the admin burden and to help you with teaching and delivery in unfamiliar contexts. We update these based on your feedback as well as the assessment insight we glean from examiners' reports.

Sample assessment materials

Alongside our specifications, we publish a range of specimen assessment materials for each unit, including sample papers and mark schemes, to offer a deeper understanding of the assessment criteria.

Examiners' reports

Every results day we publish reports written by the Principal Examiner/Moderator with constructive feedback on student performance and the exam series.

Candidate exemplars

We provide exemplar student responses for both examined and internally moderated units. We update these after every exam series and include several levels of response, so you can tailor your teaching accordingly.

ExamBuilder

Our online question builder service allows you to create and share bespoke tests. By drawing on a bank of questions, or parts of questions, you can produce mock exams or check-in tests tailored to the needs of your students of all abilities.

Teaching and delivery materials

We offer a carefully selected portfolio of teaching and delivery materials, including progress trackers, schemes of work, lesson plans, resource links and model assignments to help with internally assessed units. We also produce a range of tools to help reduce the admin burden, including the qualifications calculators, so you can make sure that your students are sitting the right number and combination of units.

Professional development and subject advisors

Throughout the year we offer a bespoke package of roadshows, informal teacher network events and professional development training events – on topics ranging from teaching delivery to exam series feedback. You can also find us at relevant conferences across the country and our subject advisors are available if you have specific questions throughout the year.

Glossary

Term	Meaning
Cambridge Technicals	Available at Level 2 and Level 3 – these are Cambridge OCR's vocational qualifications for post 16 students in full time study. Basically – our version of Pearson's BTEC!
Review date	This is the date that we must decide if we are going to extend, replace or withdraw.
ESFA: Find a learning aim	This is the list of qualifications that are funded for 16–19 year olds. It's sometimes best searching by the qualification number. submit-learner-data.service.gov.uk/find-a-learning-aim
Qualification number	Qualification number – a useful number to use when searching the Ofqual Register or the find a learning aim site.
19+ funding	Advanced learning loans are now available for students 19+. **National Skills Fund – Level 3 adult offer**: From April 2021, any adult aged 24 and over who wants to achieve their first full Level 3 qualification, which is equivalent to a technical certificate/diploma or two full A levels, will be able to access almost 400 fully-funded courses paid for by the National Skills Fund.
16–18 (Key Stage 5) performance points	Student outcomes when they reach the end of 16–18 study. Reported on after the students 18th birthday. Therefore, qualifications started in September 2024 count in the performance tables for **2026**, published early 2027. www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-qualifications-discount-codes-and-point-scores
MEI	Meaningful Employer Involvement – a DfE technical guidance requirement for qualifications categorised as **Technical Certificate** and **Tech Level**. Centres must provide MEI for their students on these types of qualifications. **See our qualification centre handbook for further details of what you need to do**.
Technical Certificate	DfE category in the technical guidance for Level 2 vocational qualifications. These are Level 2 qualifications for students wishing to specialise in a specific industry or occupation. They'll provide your students with the specialist knowledge and skills to progress onto an apprenticeship, employment or Tech Level.
Applied General	DfE category in the technical guidance for Level 3 vocational qualifications. These are Level 3 qualifications providing your students with transferable knowledge and skills so they can continue their education via a range of HE courses. They're designed to fulfil the entry requirements for a range of HE courses, either by meeting the entry requirements in their own right or alongside other qualifications at the same level.
Tech Level	DfE category in the technical guidance for Level 3 vocational qualifications. These are Level 3 qualifications on a par with A Levels and recognised by employers. They're for post 16 students wishing to specialise in a specific industry or occupation. They'll provide your students with the specialist knowledge and skills to progress onto a related HE course, apprenticeship or employment.
UCAS tariff points	Points attached to Level 3 qualifications to help students gain entry into university. Level 3 qualifications designed for progression to university will normally have UCAS tariff points attached to them. This isn't just Cambridge Technicals, but vocational qualifications from other exam boards such as Pearson's BTEC, and A Levels too.

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